

Health Care Provider Fact Sheet

Disease Name

Citrullinemia

Alternate name(s)

Argininosuccinic acid synthetase deficiency

Acronym

ASAS

Disease Classification

Amino Acid Disorder

Variants

Yes

Variant name

Citrullinemia type II (adult and neonatal onset forms) – caused by *SLC25A13* mutations

Symptom onset

Neonatal with some variability

Symptoms

Potential lethal coma, seizures, anorexia, vomiting, lethargy, apnea and hypertonia. Possible enlarged liver.

Natural history without treatment

Mental retardation due to hyperammonemia.

Natural history with treatment

Normal IQ and development are possible if no damage from initial or subsequent hyperammonemic episodes.

Treatment

Management of hyperammonemic cases with sodium benzoate and/or phenylacetate and arginine. Dietary restriction of protein, arginine and essential amino acid supplementation.

Emergency Medical Treatment

See sheet from American College of Medical Genetics (attached) or for more information, go to website:
<http://www.acmg.net/StaticContent/ACT/Citrullinemia.pdf>

Physical phenotype

None

Inheritance

Autosomal recessive

General population incidence

Rare

Ethnic differences

Yes

Population

Citrullinemia type II is common in Japan

Ethnic incidence

N/A

Enzyme location

Widely expressed in tissues; liver, kidney and fibroblasts.

Enzyme Function

Catalyzes the conversion of citrulline and aspartic acid to argininosuccinic acid.

Missing Enzyme

Argininosuccinic acid synthetase

Metabolite changes

Hyperammonemia

Prenatal testing

Linkage analysis and enzyme testing

MS/MS Profile

N/A

OMIM Link

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/dispomim.cgi?id=215700>

Genetests Link

www.genetests.org

Support Group

National Urea Cycle Disorders Foundation

<http://www.nucdf.org/>

National Coalition for PKU and Allied Disorders

<http://www.pku-allieddisorders.org/>

Children Living with Inherited Metabolic Diseases

<http://www.climb.org.uk/>

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